

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): Bader  
SERIAL NO.: 09/966,870 EXAMINER: Carolyn L. Smith  
FILING DATE: September 28, 2001 ART UNIT: 1631  
FOR: Methods of Identifying Genetic Regions Associated with Disease and Predicting  
Responsiveness to Therapeutic Agents

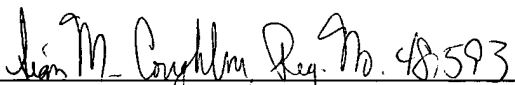
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

In response to the September 22, 2003, Restriction Requirement, applicants elect Group IV, claims 25-27, drawn to a method for identifying a genetic region associated with responsiveness to an agent, classified in class 702, subclass 19.

This document should be timely if filed by December 22, 2003 with a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee, filed herewith. Applicants believe that all necessary fees have been paid, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-135 (CURA-435).

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